



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 10th July

England v Mexico Match Replay

What a fantastic atmosphere we had on Monday morning in the School Hall as children were offered the opportunity to watch a match replay of England v

Mexico!



Thank you also for all the wonderful

messages of thanks we have had from parents for allowing the children to enjoy this event with their friends.



Summer Reading Challenge

Next week, the children in Reception to Year 5 will bring home a Summer Reading Challenge booklet. This can be completed over the summer holidays with lots of housepoints on offer. Details about what to do are included within the booklet and there is more information in them about how you can get involved in the library summer reading challenges as well.

Keeping up with reading over the summer and sharing and enjoying books with others around you will all count towards the activities in the booklets.

Happy reading everyone! We look forward to awarding housepoints in the autumn term and seeing what everyone has been reading.



No More Homework

Please note there are no more spellings or homework for the rest of term!

Office closed Monday 1.30-2.30pm

The School Office will be closed between 1.30-2.30pm on Monday for Mrs Stewart's Retirement Assembly. If your child has an appointment during this time please arrange to collect or drop them off before 1.30pm and after 2.30pm.

iRock Concert

A huge well done to all of our band members who took part in the iRock concerts this morning. Parents enjoyed a morning performance followed by another performance to the whole school straight afterwards! If you would be interested in signing your child up for iRock lessons on Friday mornings then please contact iRock on info@irockschool.com.



Sign In Reminder

Please can we remind parents that children must always be signed in to school by an adult, whether this is arriving after the gates have closed in the morning or returning from an appointment. Children must not be dropped off in the school layby to come in by themselves. Thank you.

Transition Booklets

On Transition Day this week, some classes were given transition booklets to work on in class and others were given the chance to take them home for completion. If these have been brought home please can you complete/discuss them with your children and then return them to your child's new class teacher in September.

Absence Requests

We have had a large number of last minute absence requests for events that parents have had prior notice of e.g. examinations, medical appointments, attending open mornings. Please can we ask parents to give notice to the school as soon as you are aware and send your request to the School Office (office@smcs.org.uk) with a completed absence request form and any appointment/absence evidence for our attendance records. These can be downloaded from <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/usefulforms> and completed electronically, or you can bring a paper copy to the School Office.

HAF Clubs over Summer Break

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals then you should have received HAF Vouchers directly from the Council. If you would like more information about these and what clubs are available to book in the local area during the Easter break then please head to our website: <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/pupilpremium/haf>

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Further to our email sent earlier this week, please don't forget to complete the online form if you think your child may be entitled to free school meals from September onwards. Further information about who may be eligible for additional funding can be found in the attached letter.

Free School Meal Eligibility Checker <https://forms.gle/EWTYV31uFe3Y9giPA>

Uniform

Due to the ongoing high temperatures, children may continue to wear their PE kit to school every day. Please can we remind parents that Crocs are not suitable for wearing at school. If wearing school uniform then this should be worn with black school shoes, and if wearing PE kit then this should be worn with trainers only.

Secondary Transfer Test – Practice Booklets

We have been unable to purchase the books through school this year for purchase by our Year 4 and Year 5 parents. However please see the link below for the GL Assessment website who are the group who set the papers which are aligned to the content of the tests

<https://11plus.gl-assessment.co.uk/collections/multi-pack-bundles>

Parking

If you are driving your child to school please ensure that you are driving and parking safely and respectfully. We ask that you park further away from school and walk where possible (a suggested walking map can be found on our [website](#)). If you are parking close to the school please be mindful that there will be a lot of children around and you must remain vigilant at all times.



If you witness dangerous driving or parking then we are encouraging as many of our parents as possible to report this to the Police and Council. In order to do this please obtain the registration number of the vehicle and any photographic or video evidence which you think may support your report.

By clicking on the link below you will be directed to the best department to deal with your parking complaint:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/nuisance-parking/>

Alternatively you can go to the following sites directly to report your concerns:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking/tell-us-about-a-parking-problem/>

<https://fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

We will be sharing the information above with our neighbours so please help us to work together to encourage better parking and avoid any serious injury or worse.



Housepoint Totals This Week

Well done to Hughenden for earning the most housepoints this term! They have earned themselves a **free** mufti day on Monday 13th July. Well done Hughenden!

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
11,067	11,008	11,087	11,020

An Update from the Friends

Summer Disco

Next week we have our end of year summer disco. Please see the attached poster for further details.

Reception and KS1 - 6-7pm
KS2 - 7:15-8:30pm (Year 6 until 9pm)

Please note that parents do not need to stay for the whole event.

If your child is not in school on Friday 17th July then they cannot attend the disco.

No phones or cameras allowed.



Communications Home

Whole school: No School Crossing Patroller

Whole school: Free School Meals and Pupil Premium – Changes to current provision

Year 1: UPDATE Year 1 – Great Fire of London

Year 5: Year 5 – DT Lesson

iRock Parents: iRock Concert Arrangements

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2025/26

ASC Users: ASC 2025/26

MAC Users: MAC 2026/27

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Dates for the Diary (New dates or times are written in RED)

Date	Time	Event
Mon 13 Jul	2.30pm	Year 1 – Great Fire of London
Mon 13 Jul	1.30-2.30pm	School Office closed

Tue 14 Jul	4pm	Year 5 & 6 Production
Wed 15 Jul	6pm	Year 5 & 6 Production
Thu 16 Jul	2.15-4pm	Mrs Stewart's Retirement Tea Party – <i>parents invited to drop in</i>
Fri 17 Jul	AM	Last iRock Lessons
Fri 17 Jul	PM	Stoke's Got Talent
Fri 17 Jul	6-9pm	Friends of SMCS Summer Disco Reception and KS1 - 6-7pm KS2 - 7:15-8:30pm (Year 6 until 9pm)
Mon 20 Jul	9am 10.30am	KS1 Prize Giving Ceremony (<i>invited children only</i>) KS2 Prize Giving Ceremony (<i>invited children only</i>)
Tue 21 Jul	9am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tue 21 Jul	1.30pm	End of term (no ASC on this day)

Class Updates

We know how much you enjoy finding out what the children have been learning in our Weekly Updates. You can find this information by selecting the link below to your child's class.

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

School Office

Opening hours: 8am to 3.40pm Monday to Friday

Email: office@smcs.org.uk

Telephone: 01296 612371



Please ensure all emails are sent to the School Office and not via School Gateway or classroom apps such as Seesaw or Google Classroom as these are not monitored and will not be responded to. Please note that we have a 48 hour response policy to all emails and this may be extended to 5 days during particularly busy times. For all urgent queries please telephone the School Office.